## **Claims**

1. A gaming machine system for playing a bonusing event comprising; at least two gaming machines linked together said gaming machines linked to an interactive sign said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event.

- 2. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon symbols appearing on said gaming machine.
- 3. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins placed in a specific gaming machine.
- 4. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a player reaches said bonusing event based upon number of coins entered in all linked gaming machines.
- 5. The gaming machine system of claim 1 wherein a bonus award is supplemental to an original award at said gaming machine.
- 6. The gaming machine system of claim 5 wherein said bonus award is cash, a prize, redeemable for services, currency, discounts or other goods of value.
- 7. The gaming machine system of claim 1 further comprising a device for alerting a player when they are entering said bonusing event.
- 8. The gaming system of claim 5 wherein said bonus award is generated from a percentage of total coins placed into all gaming machines which are linked to said interactive sign.
- 9. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a mechanism linked to said interactive sign which allows a player to operate said bonusing event from any of said gaming machines linked to said interactive sign.

- 10. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising a dispenser for dispensing tickets, papers or cards.
- 11. The gaming system of claim 10 wherein said tickets, papers or cards entitles a user to play said bonusing event on a separate gaming machine.
- 12. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein at least two gaming machines enter said bonusing event during same play.
- 13. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein players playing said linked gaming machines who enter said bonusing event compete against each other at said bonusing event.
- 14. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said gaming machines are selected from the group consisting of slot machines, video poker, video bingo and video keno.
- 15. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a wheel which has various monetary denominations around it.
- 16. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is an LCD Screen where a player plays one on one with a casino dealer on said screen.
- 17. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein said bonusing event is a ferris wheel that unloads coins when one of said linked gaming machines triggers said bonusing event.
- 18. The gaming system of claim 1 further comprising: a video monitor at each of said gaming machines.
- 19. A process for entering a bonusing event comprising;
  placing a coin in a gaming machine
  said gaming machine linked to at least one other gaming machine and an interactive sign;
  said interactive sign comprising a bonusing event;

playing a game on said gaming machine; alerting a player if they have entered said bonusing event; playing said bonusing event if a player enters said bonusing event.

- 20. The process of claim 19 further comprising, dispensing a ticket or card when a player enters said bonusing event.
- 21. The process of claim 19 further comprising; generating a bonus prize from a percentage of total coins placed into all participating gaming machines.